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Mr. Jean D. Reed is the Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Chemical and Biological Defense and Chemical Demilitarization, in the Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs). As Deputy Assistant, Mr. Reed has responsibility for oversight of chemical and biological defense programs throughout the Department of Defense and destruction of the United States stockpile of lethal chemical agents and munitions. He was appointed to the Senior Executive Service on December 27, 2005.

Mr. Reed comes to this position after 15 years as a professional staff member of the Committee on the Armed Services, U.S. House of Representatives, where he had principal responsibility for staff oversight of Navy research and development, Defense-wide science and technology, chemical-biological defense, and chemical weapons demilitarization programs. He was a principal member of the Committee staff team on the Persian Gulf War. He was also principal staff member for the Committee's special inquiry into the chemical and biological threat and co-authored the inquiry's report, "Countering the Chemical and Biological Weapons Threat in the Post-Soviet World," published in February 1993.

Mr. Reed was born July 25, 1939 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, Field Artillery, following graduation from the University of Oklahoma in 1960, and retired as an Army Colonel in August 1990, after a 30-year career that included extensive experience in line field artillery, combat, research and development assignments, and the Army Staff. He commanded the Fire Support Armaments Center (a major Army research, development, and engineering laboratory at Picatinny Arsenal); was Deputy Commander of VII Corps Artillery; served as a program manager and Assistant Director for Weapons Technology at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA); was Deputy Special Assistant for Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Programs at the Army Materiel Command; and commanded a field artillery battalion and a field artillery battery. At DARPA he was responsible for the Assault Breaker and Tank Breaker weapon demonstration programs (which were subsequently fielded as the Army Tactical Missile System and the Javelin medium anti-armor missile system). He served two overseas tours in Vietnam and two in Germany.

Mr. Reed is an alumnus of the University of Oklahoma where he was awarded a BS in Physics (with Distinction) in 1960 and an MS in physics in 1963. He did post-graduate work in physics at Georgetown University in 1970-1971. He is a graduate of the National War College, the Army War College, and the Army Command & General Staff College, where he earned the degree of Master of Military Art & Science. He was a Research Fellow at the National Defense University and a Senior Army Fellow at the Army's Strategic Studies Institute. He is a member of the American Physical Society and Phi Beta Kappa. His monograph, NATO's Theater Nuclear Forces, A Coherent Strategy for the 80's, was published by the NDU Press in 1983.